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Letter dated 29 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, in my capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, to enclose herewith the statement issued by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau regarding the situation that has emerged in the wake of tropical storm Ketsana, which hit the Philippines on 26 September 2009 (see annex).

I request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 70 (a).

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Annex to the letter dated 29 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the urgent situation due to tropical storm Ketsana, which hit the Philippines on 26 September 2009

New York, 28 September 2009

Egypt, in its capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, expresses its deep sympathy and solidarity with the Government and people of the Philippines, given the urgent situation that has emerged in the wake of tropical storm Ketsana, which hit the northern Philippines on Saturday, 26 September, fuelling the worst flooding to hit the country in more than 40 years and resulting in a massive loss of life and property.

The Non-Aligned Movement urges United Nations humanitarian entities, other relevant humanitarian organizations and humanitarian relief and assistance organizations, as well as the donor community, to promptly provide all the necessary support to the Government and people of the Philippines in their efforts to overcome the effects of disaster and to deliver emergency humanitarian assistance to support national efforts to achieve early recovery as well as sustainable rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts.

The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement reiterates the Movement's solidarity with the Government and people of the Philippines in all their efforts to overcome the effects of this natural disaster.